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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/545,354 filed on April 7, 2001.

of Frattini et al.

(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for Apparatus and Method for Ultrasonically Cleaning Irradiated Nuclear Fuel Assemblies  
 (title of invention)

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2. ☒ Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: This is a division of application no. 09/545,354, filed April 7, 2001 .
- 4a. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.

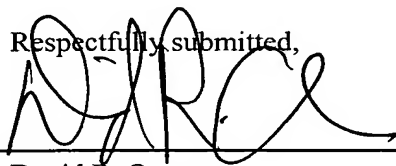
- 4b. ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.
- 5a. ☐ Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- 5b. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed .
6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Electric Power Research Institute, Inc.
- 7a. ☒ A copy of the Power of Attorney filed in the prior application no. 09/545,354, filed April 7, 2001 is enclosed.
- 7b. ☐ A Power of Attorney is enclosed.
8. ☐ This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
9. ☐ The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .
10. ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH. I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).
11. ☒ Additional enclosures or instructions. ✓  
Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice.

FOOTNOTES

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See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form  
Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 17]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
-Descriptive title of the Invention  
-Cross Reference to Related Applications  
-Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D  
-Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
-Background of the Invention  
-Brief Summary of the Invention  
-Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
-Detailed Description of the Invention (including drawings, if filed)  
-Claim(s)  
-Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 9]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]  
☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
[Note Box 5 below]  
i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTORS(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
5. Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy  
b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
☐ (Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Applicant claims Small Entity status, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Other:

**17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:**☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/545,354 filed April 7, 2001.**18. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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